ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for joining us for worship today in-person and through livestreaming.

All are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We invite all people, as well as young children who are not yet receiving the Sacrament to come forward and receive a blessing. At Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, the Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. Thus, we believe that the Body and Blood of Christ are truly present in the bread and wine. At his table Christ grants us forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. *May your hearts be opened, and your lives made new by God's gracious love.* Please give your completed communion card to the usher during communion.

Holy Communion distribution today: The usher will guide you down the center aisle. Prepackaged Communion elements with grape juice are available on the small table. If you prefer regular wine or non-alcoholic wine, take a cup from the silver tray. Proceed to the Pastor to receive a wafer (ask the Pastor if you need a gluten free wafer option) or have the prepackaged elements blessed. Proceed to the rail where there will be an assistant with regular wine and an assistant with non-alcoholic wine. Stand or kneel as you are able and remain at the rail for as long as you desire.

Consecrated Communion Elements are available for "Live Stream" worship at home. Please contact the church office at 717-533-2467 or by email at: htluth@comcast.net to arrange to pick up elements or have them delivered to your home.

Children are always welcome in the worship space but if they need a break, the church nursery is available for parents and children during worship. A large screen monitor streams a live feed of the worship service each Sunday. The nursery is located on the sanctuary level, in the classroom wing.

Office Hours The office will be open this week Monday thru Thursday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m**.** To contact the church: Phone Number: 717-533-2467, Email Address: htluth@comcast.net. Holy Trinity website: htluth.org. **In case of emergency** Pastor Susan may be reached through the church office, on her cell phone at 717-497-1013 or via her email address at: sscott@htluth.org.

Sunday School meets every Sunday from 9:00am-9:45am as follows: Children's Sunday School for children pre-k thru 6th grade will meet in the Sunday School room (connected to the Fellowship Hall). An informational flyer with more details and registration forms are available in the church narthex. Affirmation of Baptism for Grades 7-8 will meet in the youth room and High School Bible Study for grades 9-12 will meet in room #1. Adult Discussion will meet in room #16.

Pastor Susan will lead a final **Bible Study** for youth and adults on the book of Jonah. We will meet this Wednesday- November 18 at 6:30 in the Adult Sunday School Room. Please RSVP to Pr. Susan at sscott@htluth.org or 717-497-1013.

Three congregation members have stepped forward with willingness to serve on the Congregation Council but, we are still looking for **two youth candidates** to serve one-year terms. The congregation needs to vote on new candidates at the congregation meeting next Sunday. This is a good way to understand the business of the church and be involved in decision making. Please reach out to Rodney Gross if you are interested or have questions.

Join us for a Congregation Meeting next Sunday, November 22nd- On the 22nd, we will hold our annual budget meeting to vote on the 2027 Ministry Support Plan immediately following worship. The meeting will not be livestreamed. We will also vote on new Congregation Council members.

Council would like to share an important **update regarding our 2026 Ministry Spending Plan**. As of the end of September, we are experiencing a year-to-date deficit of $15,793 which increased by $3,516 from the end of August. We'd like to thank everyone for your faithful support as we continue this journey towards the end of the calendar year.

Our prayers and the comfort of the Christian faith are extended to the family of **Herbert Huebner** who entered into eternal rest on Monday, November 2nd. Please remember the Huebner Family in your prayers. A celebration of life service will be held at Holy Trinity tomorrow, **Monday, November 16 at 11:00 AM.** The family will receive friends at the Church **beginning at 10:00 AM.**

Please join us for our **Fellowship Luncheon** today, Sunday, November 15th after church. We will enjoy conversation, share a meal, play table games, and open up in prayer together. This event is open to ALL church members and families! This month's main course is soup, which will help to warm us up as we move further into Autumn. We will also be collecting food items for the **Harrisburg Salvation Army's holiday meal basket drive**. If you would like to contribute please bring one of the following: Instant mashed potatoes (26 oz box), stuffing mix (12 oz box) cranberry sauce (14 oz cans), turkey gravy mix (packets), green Beans (Cans), rice or noodles (1lb dry bag), or corn (14 oz cans). It was wonderful to have a larger group last month to join in the fellowship. Everyone is invited, stay after the service and enjoy a meal together. See you on there!!

Contributions to Holy Trinity- For those of you who have chosen to contribute using a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD), Donor Advised Fund (DAF), Stock Transfers or other tax advantage avenues, please note the following: These amounts are recorded as offering on your year-end statement. Since the checks usually do not provide sufficient information about tax consequences, I rely on the member to handle any related tax reporting. These tax advantage programs are a wonderful way to make offerings to Holy Trinity and are greatly appreciated! Thank you. Peg Huebner, Giving Secretary

Advent Midweek Services-While December is always a busy time of the year with family activities, school Christmas concerts, Christmas shopping and decorating, I invite you to join us on Wednesday, December 2, 9 and 16 at 7pm, as we Prepare in Christ's Presence. Each week, we will consider how we can do less, experience wonder and hold on to hope in the days and weeks leading up to Christ's birth. We will sing Holden Evening Prayer, read and reflect upon scripture and poetry, and engage in an activity to remind us to focus upon God's gift of Jesus Christ.

Your continued support of the **Personal Care Closet** project is deeply appreciated. The need for this ministry continues to grow. As our neighbors pay more for their groceries and other necessities, there is less left to purchase the personal hygiene items they need as well. A year ago there were 60+ families who utilized the PCC. At the most recent distribution, 114 family units were served. The November list of most needed items is posted on the collection chest in the narthex right inside the front door. There are mini lists to take along with you. Thank you!

Many thanks for your generous donations! We continuously express our thanks to all for your faithfulness and generosity in giving which allows us to continue to operate valuable ministries and pay for the ongoing bills at Holy Trinity. The Simply Giving program offers automatic withdrawals from your bank account or charges to a credit card; donated through our website (htluth.org) by clicking on the 'Give Now" button; donated by downloading the Mobile App "GivePlus Church" (be sure to select Ev. Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity) or by taking a picture of the QR code.

Readers, Greeters, Flower Deliverers and Bakers for November and December are needed to greet people as they come into church and deliver flowers after the service on Sunday. Readers are needed to read the 1st and 2nd reading and the Psalm (when spoken) and bakers are needed to provide sweet treats. The lists are available on the bulletin board. Please sign up today or contact the church office if you would like to volunteer.

Please send articles and announcements for the Newsletter to Anita Housman, our Communications/IT Specialist. Please send articles to her at aahousman2@gmail.com. She is always gathering announcements and articles for the monthly newsletter. Just a reminder – submit articles for the newsletter by the 15th of the month.